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RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR 1.116
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EXAMINING GROUP 3748
Docket No.: 953.1010

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of:

Hitoshi SATO et al.

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AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL REJECTION

Commissioner for Patents
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Attention: **BOX AF**

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed December 3, 2004, and having a period for response set to expire on March 3, 2005.

The following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted. Reconsideration of the claims is respectfully requested.

Applicants request entry of this Rule 116 Response because the amendments were not earlier presented because the Applicant believed in good faith that the cited prior art did not disclose the present invention as previously claimed.